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APPLICANT:

T. Okumura, et al.

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FOR:

OPTICAL REPRODUCING DEVICE THAT CONTROLS THE STRENGTH

OF THE LIGHT BEAM DURING REPRODUCTION (As-Amended)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2006, in the above referenced application. This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a one (1) month extension of time to December 31, 2006, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.